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Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, October 30, 2020, inmate David Cross tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield, in Springfield, Missouri. He received daily symptom checks and was assigned to a unit with 24-hour nursing staff where he was evaluated for respiratory distress. On November 2, 2020, he was transferred to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On November 10, 2020, Mr. Cross, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by local hospital staff.

Mr. Cross was a 45-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Tennessee and the Western District of Missouri to an aggregated sentence of 208-months for Aggravated Bank Robbery, Aiding and Abetting, Discharging of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, Assault with Intent to Commit Serious Bodily Injury, and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since September 23, 2014.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 835 male offenders.

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